

Toftwood Junior School Information for Parents/Carers



Spring 2
2019

Year Four

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English

During Whole Class Reading, we will be looking at a variety of genres. The children will continue to develop their narrative writing and poetry. When writing, the children will be encouraged to check their work against their success criteria to ensure they are producing the best work possible. Our grammar focus areas for this half term will be fronted adverbials with commas to demarcate, expanded noun phrases, speech punctuation, paragraphs organised around a theme, appropriate use of nouns and pronouns and apostrophes to show possession.

Here is some further information to outline fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases:

Grammar focus	Example sentence with focus area highlighted
Fronted adverbial with comma to demarcate	In the gathering darkness, four bats swooped overhead.
Expanded noun phrases	The red-eyed, scaly-skinned monster with rotting fangs slowly crawled into sight.

Our spelling focuses this half term will be on: homophones- scene and seen, mail and male and ball and bawl; prefixes 'anti' and 'inter'; endings- 'cian', 'sion', 'tion' 'ssion'; and we will be revisiting the Year 3/ 4 Statutory spellings. The spelling patterns and words will be attached to the home learning for next half term, which will be posted on the website. It is vital that your child practises these as often as possible until they spell them correctly in their independent writing.

Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and remind them to bring their accelerated reading book to school every day. The library is available for changing books before school 8.30 - 9.00, at lunchtimes 12.30 - 1.00 and after school 15.25 - 16.00. Children wishing to change their books during the lunch break put their book into the class box in the morning. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school every day. It will be checked on Mondays.

Only children are able to enter the school for before and after school library use and we ask that the Year 3 door is used for this.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be continuing our work on fractions followed by decimals.

Your child will be focussing on the following objectives:

- Finding fractions of amounts.
- Adding and subtracting fractions, with the same denominator.
- Solving problems involving fractions.

- Recognising and writing decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.
- Finding the effect of dividing a one or two digit number by 10 or 100, identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths.
- Solving simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places.
- Converting between different units of measure (for example, kilometre to metre).

Please support your child and their maths learning through the use of My Maths and Rock Star Timestables. It is important that the children complete MyMaths tasks independently as we need to know what they can complete on their own. There are other areas of MyMaths where they can work alongside you, such as games and lessons.

Science

As part of Science week, the children will be thinking about journeys. In Science lessons, we will be looking at renewable energy.

Design and Technology

The children will be making vegetable samosas to tie in with their learning in Science Week.

Art

We will be looking at Anglo-Saxon themed 3D art and creating a replica artefact using historical knowledge.

P.E.

In P.E. this half term we will focus on tennis. The children will also continue to take part in Real P.E, which promotes the learning of basic skills and ensures P.E is fun, exciting and challenging. Each half term focuses on a different challenge. This half term it is Creativity and the children will be continuing to work on their coordination and balance. Ask your child what FUNS level they are working on and what the skill is that they need to develop so that you can help them with this at home.

PE days are as follows:

Mrs Bowes-Mulligan

Dr Francis

Mrs Traferri

Wednesday and Thursday

Thursday and Friday

Monday and Thursday

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit on Monday and takes it home on Friday to be washed, if required.

Ear rings should be removed for PE and hair tied back.

R.E.

In RE the children will be focusing on People of God, with the big question: 'What is it like to follow God?'

Music.

This half term's music is focused around the song 'Lean on Me'.

Computing

As well as continuing to work on their keyboarding and online research skills, the children will also be using 'Madpad' on the iPads to compose their own music and to further develop their understanding of iMovie to make a stop-start animation to accompany their composition. They will also use iMovie to make a movie trailer for their version of the Dragon Slayer.

Website

If you have a computer connected to the internet, you may wish to visit our website.

The address is: www.toftwood.norfolk.sch.uk

Online safety tips

Please share these with your child if they are accessing the internet

- Always ask a grown up before you use the internet.
- Don't tell strangers where you live, your phone number or where you go to school. Only your friends and family need to know this.

PSHE and PATHS

In Paths the children will be continuing to look at Making Good Decisions and Problem Solving. They will think about how to recognise and respond appropriately to other people's feelings; work collaboratively towards shared goals; develop strategies to resolve disputes and conflict through negotiation and appropriate compromise and give and receive constructive feedback.

MFL

We are continuing to learn Spanish. This half term we will be focusing on retelling and acting out a story in Spanish. We will also be counting up to 100.

Home Learning

We continue to ask that you support your child and their learning at home. We also appreciate that children have other interests and hobbies outside of school and family time is precious.

To support your child, we will have our core set of homework for all children on MyMaths, Rock Star Times tables, spellings and reading, and there will be optional creative home learning for those children that wish to complete it.

MyMaths

There is an expectation that children will complete set homework tasks within the allocated time given. The date MyMaths work is due is shared on the MyMaths site.

Reading

To support your child with becoming a confident reader we would like each child to read to an adult at least three times every week. Please also ensure you are asking those questions to develop your child's skills and abilities as a reader. Please write a note in your child's reading record, which will be checked by their teacher every Monday for the previous week. Please ensure reading records are in school every day. Children who have read at home will be awarded dojo points: one point for reading three times, two points for reading five times and three points for reading seven times.

Additional Optional Home Learning

There will also be optional extra homework that can be completed at any point each half term. Children will be awarded dojo points for any additional home learning they complete, but please remember it is optional! If you have any further questions or would like more information about ways to help your child, please see their class teacher.

Year 4 home learning task.

Anglo Saxons.

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Tasks

Create an Anglo-Saxon settlement or dwelling in a medium of your choice. Label or write notes to accompany your creation to give further information about the place and the people who would live there.

Create a presentation or guide book to explain something about the Anglo-Saxons. Your target audience is a younger child.

Make a piece of Anglo-Saxon Jewellery.

Create an illustration for the famous Anglo Saxon story 'Beowulf'

Please choose one or more of the above tasks to complete with your child as optional extra home learning. You can record these optional tasks in any way you like such as PowerPoint, film, leaflet, photographs, drawings, etc.

The optional extra home learning is to be handed in by **Monday 1st April** in order to be looked at, shared and awarded dojo points.

Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week, continue practising times tables, complete MyMaths homework and also practise their spellings.

Please also note that we are changing the way we notify you about the weekly spellings lessons. From this point forward you will be given the spelling rules and the words we will be exploring over the half term. Please don't forget to keep practising the Year 3/4 Statutory words your child has been given to learn.

Week 1 - Homophones- scene and seen, mail and male and ball and bawl

Week 2-3 - Prefixes 'inter'- international, intergalactic, intertwine, interrupt, intercept, interpersonal, intervene, interject; and prefix 'anti': antibiotic, antidote, antihistamine and antihero.

Week 4-5- Endings 'cian' - physician, optician, magician, politician, electrician (are all professions); 'sion' extension, collision, confusion, exclusion, transfusion, infusion, explosion, corrosion (root word ends in 'd' or 'de' or 'e'); 'ssion' - profession, session, percussion, passion, mission, possession; 'tion' - fiction, fraction, direction, attention.

Week 6 - Statutory Spellings.